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SUBJ: US-CANADIAN MEETING ON BILATERAL ENERGY ISSUES

REF: OTTAWA 0513

EXTAFF HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPY OF PM
TRUDEAU'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD SENT TO
WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY VIA CANADIAN EMBASSY
FEBRUARY 11. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT "MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER
OF JANUARY 15, OUTLINING SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS
ON MEASURES PROPOSED IN YOUR STATE OF THE UNION
ADDRESS. YOUR LETTER IS A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC AND RELATED ENERGY
QUESTIONS.

"AS YOU POINT OUT IN YOUR LETTER, THERE ARE
NO EASY ANSWERS TO THE WHOLE RANGE OF COMPLEX
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PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US AT PRESENT. I AGREE WITH

YOUR VIEW THAT IN LIGHT OF THE NATURE OF WORLD ECONOMIC INTERPENDENCE TODAY, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR GOVERNMENTS TO TRY TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE SITUATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE FISCAL MEASURES YOU ENVISAGE WILL ASSIST THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST RECESSION WHILE AVOIDING SIGNIFICANT INFLATIONARY REPERCUSSION. CANADA CAN ONLY BENEFIT FROM THE SUCCESS OF SUCH A PROGRAM.

"WITH REGARD TO ENERGY MATTERS, I BELIEVE THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ADOPTING MEASURES ALONG ROUGHLY PARALLEL LINES. WE HAVE COOPERATED, ALONG WITH OTHERS, TO GOOD EFFECT IN THE IEA, THE IMF AND OTHER BODIES. CANADA SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIVE AGREED ON IN THE IEA OF REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION. THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE TO THE CANADIAN ECONOMY AND OUR DECLINING CONVENTIONAL RESERVES OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS MEAN THAT WE SUPPORT THE GOAL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEAL WITH THE MONETARY AND PAYMENTS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN, AND TO DEAL WITH ANY FUTURE OIL SUPPLY EMERGENCIES. WE ALSO FAVOR A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES.

"IN CONNECTION WITH BILATERAL ENERGY MATTERS, CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS HAVE HAD FREQUENT DISCUSSIONS, AND I THINK IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU AGREE, OUR OFFICIALS COULD PURSUE THE MATTER.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONTACT WITH YOU ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

"YOURS SINCERELY,
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P.E. TRUDEAU" END TEXT
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